

April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2070. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Method of valuing farm real property—received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2071. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—last-in, first-out inventory methods [Revenue Ruling 99-22] received April 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2072. A letter from the Secretary of Labor and Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting Administration of the Toxic Substances Control Act—the Corporation's financial statements as of September 30, 1998, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2629; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

2073. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department Of State, transmitting the annual report for 1998 on voting practices at the United Nations, pursuant to Public Law 101-167; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

2074. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the unclassified version of the report "Theater Missile Defense Architecture Options in the Asia-Pacific Region"; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Services.

2075. A letter from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a report on bluefin tuna for 1997-1998, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 971; jointly to the Committees on Resources and International Relations.

2076. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide a temporary authority for the use of voluntary separation incentives by the Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce employment levels, restructure staff, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Government Reform.

2077. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that addresses various management concerns of the Department of Defense; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Government Reform.

2078. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that addresses various management concerns of the Department of Defense; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, International Relations, Government Reform, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Education and the Workforce, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 441. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas (Rept. 106-135). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 167. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1555) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-136). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[Omitted from the Record of May 11, 1999]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Commerce discharged. H.R. 775 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

The Committee on Armed Services discharged. H.R. 1555 to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 1763. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that the cost of mitigation required under that Act for a public construction project may not exceed 10 percent of the total project costs; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. FROST, and Ms. KILPATRICK):

H.R. 1764. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation in the case of certain disabled military retirees who are over the age of 65; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 1765. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 1999, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE:

H.R. 1766. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the deduction allowed for meal and entertainment expenses associated with the performing arts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1767. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for the allocation of any limitation imposed on school construction bonds with respect to which the holders are allowed a credit under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to apply the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to projects financed with such bonds; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN,

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAUR, Mr. DIXON, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 1768. A bill to strengthen America's firearms and explosives laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 1769. A bill to eliminate certain inequities in the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees' Retirement System with respect to the computation of benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, and their survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and Mrs. MORELLA):

H.R. 1770. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to revise the overtime pay limitation for Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mrs. EMERSON:

H.R. 1771. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for an improved benefit computation formula for workers affected by the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977 who attain age 65 during the 10-year period after 1981 and before 1992 (and related beneficiaries) and to provide prospectively for increases in their benefits accordingly; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. EMERSON:

H.R. 1772. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit to certain senior citizens for premiums paid for coverage under Medicare Part B; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FILNER (for himself and Mrs. EMERSON):

H.R. 1773. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide that any participant or beneficiary under an employee benefit plan shall be entitled to de novo review in court of benefit determinations under such plan; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 1774. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to not count work experience as an unauthorized alien for purposes of admission as an employment-based immigrant or an H-1B nonimmigrant; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILCHREST (for himself, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GOSS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. METCALF, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. DICKS, Ms. DELAUR, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. LAMPSON):

H.R. 1775. A bill to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LAZIO (for himself and Mr. LEACH):

H.R. 1776. A bill to expand homeownership in the United States; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. UPTON (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, and Mrs. EMERSON):

H.R. 1777. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to assure access to covered emergency hospital services and emergency ambulance services under a prudent layperson test under group health plans and health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GILLMOR (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. HOBSON, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GORDON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MINGE, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BERRY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. TANCREDO, and Ms. STABENOW):

H.R. 1778. A bill to prohibit certain election-related activities by foreign nationals; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GOODLING:

H.R. 1779. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make changes to the overseas special supplemental food program; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 1780. A bill to provide for the settlement of claims of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HINCHEY:

H.R. 1781. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to prohibit the donation of competitive foods of minimal nutritional value in schools participating in Federal meal service programs before the end of the last lunch period of the schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HOYER:

H.R. 1782. A bill to clarify the categories of children eligible for enrollment at the Library of Congress day care center; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

H.R. 1783. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the deadline for filing estate tax returns from 9 months to 24 months after a decedent's death; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 1784. A bill to terminate certain sanctions with respect to India and Pakistan; to

the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 1785. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize indirect graduate medical education payments; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself and Mrs. ROUKEMA):

H.R. 1786. A bill to enable America's schools to use their computer hardware to increase student achievement and prepare students for the 21st century workplace; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WALDEN of Oregon:

H.R. 1787. A bill to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COX, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. TANCREDO):

H.J. Res. 53. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DANNER (for herself and Mr. BEREUTER):

H.J. Res. 54. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey:

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution authorizing the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the 1999 Special Olympics World Games to be run through the Capitol Grounds; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution expressing the regret and apologies of the Congress for the accidental bombing by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. WELDON of Florida):

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress rejecting the conclusions of a recent article published by the American Psychological Association that suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H. Res. 168. A resolution recognizing the Foreign Service of the United States on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

66. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 107 memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President of the United States to sign into law, H.R. 351 or similar legislation which would ensure that the federal government will not seek to recoup any monies recovered by the states from the tobacco companies as a result of the national tobacco settlement or individual state settlements; to the Committee on Commerce.

67. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, relative to Legislative Resolution 27 requesting that the Congress of the United States appropriate the necessary funds to complete the Wood River Flood Control Project; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 3: Mr. GRAHAM and Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H.R. 7: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 14: Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 27: Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky and Mr. KUYKENDALL.

H.R. 38: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 47: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 48: Mr. McKEON.

H.R. 49: Mrs. EMERSON and Mr. MICA.

H.R. 110: Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. LEE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 116: Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 126: Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 212: Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LUTHER, and Mr. BLUNT.

H.R. 274: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GILCHREST, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 288: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 417: Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 457: Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. DELAUBO, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 483: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 486: Mr. WICKER and Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 488: Mr. DIXON.

H.R. 516: Ms. RIVERS.

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H.R. 541: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 555: Mr. VENTO and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 557: Mr. ENGLISH and Mr. MURTHA.

H.R. 614: Mr. SCHAFER.

H.R. 625: Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 685: Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri and Ms. BERKLEY.

H.R. 693: Mr. PHELPS.

H.R. 716: Mr. DUNCAN and Mr. MCINNIS.

H.R. 730: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 735: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H.R. 743: Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H.R. 764: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BLILEY, and Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H.R. 827: Ms. PELOSI and Mr. MATSUI.

H.R. 828: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 840: Mr. McGOVERN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 845: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 853: Mr. LINDER and Mr. BARR of Georgia.